"What Fools these Mortals being



"BARKING DOGS NEVER BITE."



Assistant. — The Irish stew has burned.

CHEF. — Well, put some spice in it and add "A la Français" to its name on the menu.

THE LION.

"Now, somebody," observed the British Lion, reflectively, "tied that knot in my tail to remind me of something, doubtless; but what it is I can't recall at this moment."

AT THE BALL GAME.

HE.—I suppose you know what a rooter is?

SHE.—Why, of course! A rooter is a man who acts as if he was crazy.

IN PEKIN.

FIRST CHINAMAN.—Anything special going on at the palace? SECOND CHINAMAN.—Nothing unusual; — merely a crisis.

Oom PAUL is not the first man who has found that throwing down the gauntlet was merely a preliminary to throwing up the sponge.

MAY.— Clara is the luckiest girl in our class. BELLE.— What has happened to her?

MAY.— She got a lovely frame for her graduation diploma and now she is going to use it for her marriage certificate, instead.

SILVER AND GOLD.

U PON the beach one day
I tightly closed my hand
Upon some silver sand
That ebbed and ebbed away;
For not a shining grain
Would in my palm remain.

Oh! hand of shape most queer,
That never can retain
Of sand one silver grain,
Nor e'en the ever dear
Gold coins I highly prize,
Though of the cartwheel size.

R. K. M.

FORTUNATE.

CENSUS MAN.—Are you married?
HAPPY DAD.—You bet!
CENSUS MAN.—Have you any family?
HAPPY DAD.—Yes, siree! And, say! It's awful lucky you came to-day instead of yesterday!
CENSUS MAN.—Eh? Why?
HAPPY DAD.—'Cause I had n't any yesterday.

WHERE ONE IS NEEDED.

"But," said the Chinese statesman, "the foreign governments have taken the ground that the Boxer movement is inspired solely by our government."

our government."

"Humph! Well," replied a government official, "in that case we will be demonstrating to the world that our government still has something of a sphere of influence in China,"

TRANSIT.

We stood by the open grave of the great man. "Sic transit gloria!" I exclaimed, with emotion.

"Underground transit, too!" muttered my companion, in a hollow voice.

I now regarded the fellow more narrowly and discovered that he seemed to be an inhabitant of the Greater New York and somewhat demented.

THE SENATORIAL oratory of the day is not precisely intoxicating. Too many Beveridges are mostly collar.

WALKING DELEGATE. — We have just made a terrible discovery about Bryan.

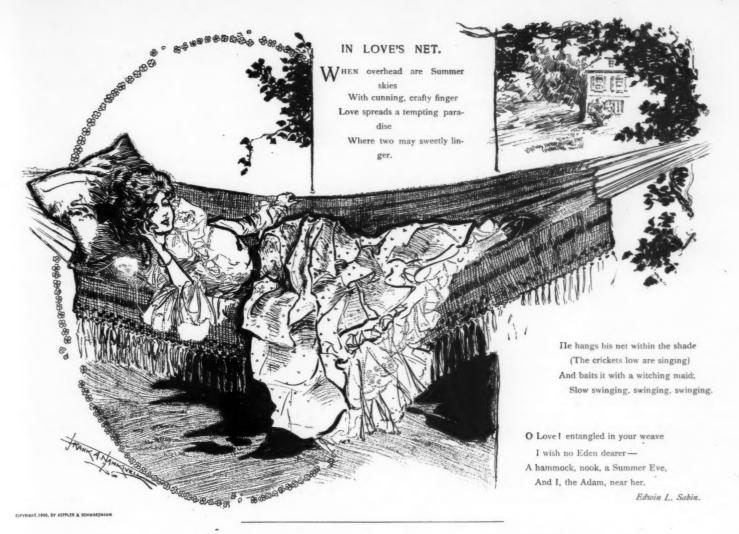
WORKMAN. — What?
WALKING DELEGATE. —
The hat through which he has been talking to laboring men has no Union label on it.



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PUCKOGRAPHS. - LXI.

A KING WHO LOSES A BIG BUNCH OF SUBJECTS EVERY TIME WE BUILD AN AQUEDUCT.



THE LOCOMOTIVE, THE COW AND THE LAWYER. A FABLE.

SPOTTED HOLSTEIN Heifer once opposed a certain Railway Project, and was badly hit in the General Smash-up. In fact, for many weeks she could walk only on Three Legs, and for a whole season was compelled to forego her customary Vernal Diversion of dancing on Tulip Patches and Onion Beds.

Thereupon the Holstein Heifer secured the services of an Able Attorney, and brought suit against

the Railroad Company for Ten Thousand Dollars as compensation for Injuries Suffered. She produced Witnesses galore, who testified that the Engineer neglected to sound the Whistle to warn her of the Train's Approach and give her an opportunity to save herself by frisking along ahead of the Engine. The Railroad Company also produced Witnesses, as numerous as a rich bachelor's heirs, who swore that the Whistle sounded so loud that they contemplated suing the Company for Producing Deafness.

The Case finally went into the Jury's hands. Said the Jurors among themselves: "How many Witnesses did the Defendant produce?" "Eighty-Six," answered those of the Twelve Peers who had kept a record of the Number. "Yes, and how many Witnesses had the Plaintiff?" "Just Eighty-Seven." "Then, Gentlemen," said the Jurors among themselves, "the Case is plain as a north and south Highway."

The spotted Holstein Heifer received a verdict for Five Thousand Dollars, and began trying to work up a Milk Route in order to be able to pay her Witnesses for some Expert Testimony.

That same season the Able Attorney purchased a Sum-

mer Cottage for Five Thousand Dollars.

MORAL.—The Matter litigated is usually bad enough without mixing a Lawyer up in it.

W. G. Brooks.

LANGUAGE IS the vehicle of thought. Dialect is one of those bottle-green traps with yellow wheels in which the passengers ride backwards.

SOME PEOPLE have such a knack of getting along that if they were confronted with the two horns of a dilemma they would probably blow one and drink the other.

THE PROBABLE REASON.

NORTHERN TOURIST (in Arkansaw) .- Can you tell me, Colonel, why so many lynchings occur here?

COLONEL KLANK .- I reckon, suh, it is because the infuhnal nigguhs can't outrun us, suh!

AROUSING HIM.

MRS. DIMPLETON .- It is time to give the baby his milk and the dear little soul is asleep. I want him to wake naturally. DIMPLETON. - That 's easy. I'll snore a few times.



AS TO THE TOWN CRIER.

"They say that in his youth he was ambitious to be a preacher."

"Sayest thou so? Yet I think he hath found a calling in which folks will pay more heed to what he hath to say!"



WHEN POLLY LEARNS TO SWIM.

"I SHOULD THINK," said Polly, eying the waves with evident distrust, "I should think it would be much nicer to learn the - the motions, you know, on land and then, after I knew just what to do with my arms and - and feet, to go into the water - just a little water; don't you?

"The idea has at least the merit of originality, Polly," said I, "but as one seldom has an opportunity for swimming on land that kind of an

aquatic education would not profit you much."

Polly looked doubtfully from me to the ocean, and from the ocean to her bathing dress, which was a brand-new one, and for some reason seemed to alarm Polly every time she looked down and found it there. Now she tried to lengthen the skirt by tugging desperately at the waist-band, and, looking up to find my gaze upon her, she blushed rosily and frowned again at the sea.

"Then you think we --we 'd better learn in the water?"

I assented. Polly sighed dolefully.
"Well, then, come on." I offered my hand.
"The idea!" cried Polly; "with all those horrid people looking right at us!"

"I don't believe, Polly, that out of the several hundred persons in sight more than twelve know of our existence."

Polly's expression became one of mingled surprise, relief and disappointment. She held out her hand, and together we braved the terrors of four and a half inches of surging sea. At that depth she paused and looked at me expectantly.
"Now — now what shall I do?"

"I believe we agreed first to go into the water."
"Water?" gasped Polly. "More than this? 'Way out there where those other people are?" I nodded.
"Never!" said Polly, firmly.

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"But how, I ask you, can I teach you to swim if you won't go into the water? This may be an excellent place to learn the rudiments of squat-tag or mumble-peg, but as a scene of action for -

"I don't care," said Polly. "I did n't think it was so wet, and so nasty. And I don't believe — I want — to — learn to swim - to-day."

"Let us compromise, Polly. We will go out until the waves wet your skirt. That 's fair, is n't it?" Polly looked doubtful for a m

Polly looked doubtful for a moment.

"Well," she said, "but you 'll be very careful, won't you?" Five minutes later Polly stood clutching me wildly in two feet of The little waves curled about her and caused her to shriek ocean. wildly as they foamed by. But her skirt was wet at the hem, and a spirit of reckless daring took hold upon her.

"Let 's - let 's sit down!"

But at the moment she happened to cast a backward glance toward the beach and home and the dry land.

"Dear me!" whispered Polly; "it's -it's an awful long way to the bath house, is n't it?"

"At least two hundred feet," I answered gravely.

"And—and supposing a tidal wave were to come along and sweep way? Would n't it be better, safer, you know, to keep nearer the us away?

"Polly," said I, desperately, "the last tidal wave died of old age in the Bay of Fundy a week ago come Friday; the bath house will remain just where you see it now; there is not the slightest danger of being swept out to sea, and—and—Polly, if you don't instantly come out here where you'll at least get your feet wet, I'll carry you out in my arms!" Polly giggled hysterically, but held her ground—or rather, her surf.

"You 're nasty, and—and not a bit patient with me. I do like people to be patient with me!" She was beginning to look aggrieved, and as Polly with a grievance is quite beyond

discipline, I hastened to cause a diversion.
"Polly, look quick! That man there! See him?
With a camera, Polly!"

"O-oo!" shrieked Polly. "Where?"
"Behind you! Quick!" Polly gave one terrified look at the man with the black box, and headed directly for the coast of northern Spain. When I came up with her she was floundering to her waist and still heading out to sea.

"Ugh!" said Polly.

"What 's the matter? You were doing finely."

"It's salt!"

"The water? Yes, a little. Did you expect to find it a sort of raspberry phosphate?"

"Of course, I knew it was salt, but - I guess I must have forgotten about it. I wish I could rinse my mouth out; it's so—so—don't you think there's a great deal of salt in it? More than necessary?"

"Well, perhaps it is a bit over-salted. But just think how lucky it is that it is n't peppered, too!"

"Yes; that is something to be thankful for," replied Polly, thoughtfully.

lly. "I expect it must be a good deal like the mosquitos, don't you?" "I had n't thought of it, Polly. In what way, please, is the Atlantic Ocean like a mosquito?"

"Why, I mean-you know Papa says we ought to be thankful that mosquitos have n't two stingy-things."

"Very true; 'two stingy-things;' exactly. Now, if you please, we will continue with the programme.

"Don't you think I have learned enough for to-day? I know all about kicking out my - kicking out my feet, and doing so with my arms, and keeping my mouth shut and my

eyes open, and not holding on to you when I see a wave coming, and — Oh! I 've learned a great deal, have n't I?"
"You have, Polly; and perhaps some day you will learn to do all

those things at one and the same time. Performing them in rotation is not nearly so effective, you see. It is well enough to 'do so' with your arms, and to kick out; but when you stop 'doing so' just as soon as you begin kicking out, the result is neither graceful nor progressive."
"Now you're horrid!" cried Polly. "I think I've done very well,

indeed! And, of course, I must learn the rudiments of the - of the art is swimming an art? - before I do anything else, must n't I? And if swallowing gallons and gallons of horrid, nasty, salty water has anything to do with the rudiments, I think I 've had rudiments enough. want any salt at table for weeks and weeks! Shall you? A -don't you think it is getting very near lunch time?"

We left the surging main, and Polly stopped at the water's edge to survey the scene of her recent triumph. Her oilskin cap was tilted rakishly over her right ear, and her hair was plainly upon the point of coming down. Her bathing-dress was wet from collar to hem and dripped from every corner and fold. Both shoes were untied, and

one stock-Polly felt my gaze upon her and turned

"I suppose I look a perfect fright, don't I?" I shook my head.

"You see, that 's the trouble about swimming," with an air of great experience; "it makes - "

"The trouble with what, Polly?"

"With swim — with learning to swim. It makes you so ugly when you get through." Polly put her hands to her head and instantly shrieked. Then,

"Well, anyway, I don't care!" She pointed to a spot on the distant horizon and turned with sparkling eyes.

"Just think! I was 'way out there!" cried Polly. "Don't you think I'm awfully brave?"

Richard Stillman Powell.

THE MUSCULAR PEST.

Oh! for the days that are no more, When, clad from head to heel, And even on their hands men wore Dress fabrics made of steel.

I wish I had then lived, alas! So I could firmly stand And give the laugh to some young ass Who tried to grip my hand.



DELIGHTS of the flesh and the spirit are mine; The world's oldest glory, the newest design, My couch supersweet, and my garb superfine; I stand on the Andes, I lave in the Rhine; With Shakspere I chat, with Lucullus I dine; Havana's rare incense floats up at my shrine, Libations are poured of Olympian wine. I am heir to the ages which merge and combine

The Yankees' mechanics, the arts of the Greeks; Yet man is but human, and this is the sign — My Automobile Squeaks!

In every poem is a little of prose A fly in the ointment, a thorn to the rose. A dream of displeasure in every repose, Each closet some skeleton has to disclose, The silkiest leather first scuffs at the toes, The noblest of eyes flank a plebeian nose. There are troubles enough to go round, Heaven knows! There 's a tooth at the heart of each one, I suppose; There are crosses and losses and perils and piques, But mine the most exquisite, keenest of woes, My Automobile Squeaks!

THE WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS.

Edmund Vance Cooke

N ANCIENT sage sat in a shady corner of a Roman temple, A with his head bowed in deep thought.

"It must be possible," he muttered to himself-"it must be

possible, and yet what a stupendous calculation!"

On his knee lay his wax tablets, with mystic names inscribed on a. Across the top was marked XLIX and below this XVII. Lower down the sage had marked a line across the wax with a stick.



OUT OF THE QUESTION.

Isaacs.-Vill you endorse dis two-months' note of mine, Cohenstein? COHENSTEIN .- I vould, Isaacs, only for vun t'ing! I ain't goin' to fail myself for dree months !



ON THE BANKS OF THE ERIE.

FIRST CANAL-BOAT MATRON .- Got yer house-cleanin' done yet, 'Liza? SECOND CANAL-BOAT MATRON. - Yes; - all but ter calk the parlor floor!

disciples stood around him, gazing with anxiety at the learned man.

"Master," they pleaded, "it is now three days that you have taken neither food nor wine. Abandon the calculation. It is insoluble."

The sage rose and closed his tablets with a sigh. "I give it up," he said, wearily; "such a calculation surpasses human thought."

It was Philipino, the great mathematician of Syracuse, and he had been trying to multiply 49 by 17, in Roman figures.

Stephen Leacock.

TO BE CONSIDERED.

"Goin' to New York, Silas? You ought to run over to Paris."

"I might if I understood French." "Well, not understandin' it, Silas, you might be harder to bunco."

THE LIMIT.

"Is it really such a bad book?" "Yes, indeed! Why, it 's almost bad enough to dramatize!"

THE TENTH MUSE.

"Who is this person?" asked one of the tuneful nine. "She claims to be a relative of ours, but I don't know her."

"Poor thing!" said the sister-Muse. "She 's suffering from a hallucination. She presides over magazine poetry and she thinks she 's a Muse!"

A DEFORMITY.

With wealth what strange afflictions come And round their victims seem to linger; Dick Newrich has the coupon thumb, His wife, the Company Little Finger.

T WOULD seem, at times, that wrangling between lawyers is nine points of the law.

THE BALANCE of power, children, is simply the agency through which power is unbalanced.

What A good many people call high thinking consists, not infrequently, of disparaging opinions of other people.



THE ELEPHANT'S PLANK.

"Fellow-citizens of the Jungle," said the monkey, "various as our interests may be, can't we find some platform on which we may all stand?"
"That 's right," put in the elephant. "Let us denounce menageries!"

PHYLLIS-AND HER GARDEN HOSE.

Sweetest thing my fancy knows, Song of bird or scent of rose— Is Phyllis with her garden hose; Phyllis, in her garden.

> Flowers waken from their sleep, Birds from leafy bowers peep -When Phyllis comes with garden hose; Phyllis, in her garden.

Seems on gentle breezes borne Phyllis with her garden hose; Phyllis, in her garden.

> Diamond drops on roses fall, Rainbows glisten over all -Phyllis with her garden hose, Phyllis, in her garden.

"Gems of beauty fit for kings," "Jewelled dew-drops,"-thus she sings, Phyllis with her garden hose; Phyllis, in her garden.

Now the wanton wind reveals That which ravished vision steals Phyllis in her garden hose; Phyllis, in her garden.

Dainty curves in swirl of lace Flash from silken hiding place — Phyllis in her garden hose; Phyllis, in her garden.

Pretty Phyllis - naughty wind, Think you that my love is blind? This has been my heart's undoing, Soon will follow ardent wooing -Phyllis in her garden hose; Phyllis, in her garden.

Eloi De Vaux.

EASILY FOUND.

JIMSON.—Do you believe that the office seeks the man? SIMSON.—I do; and nine times out of ten it finds him in a saloon.

NOT NECESSARY.

Landlady.—You'll have to pay in advance, sir. You are a stranger.

New Boarder.—Oh! that 's all right, Ma'am! I'm an easy fellow to get acquainted with.



HIS CLAIM.

"An' thim prices is what yez call chape?"

"Sure, dey vos cheap! Vy, Missus, I vos a regular traveling pargain counter!"



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

THE SO-CALLED "Gold" Democrats did a good work four SIMONyears ago by keeping alive, as it were, the franchise of the Democratic party. They proved that the faith had not died PURE. A few true Democrats staid by the altar and religiously out. kept its fires lighted. It is to be hoped that these faithful ones will perform the same service this year. There are not enough of them to affect the main result, and it will be no more than a matter of mere sentiment. But mere sentiment, after all, is the greatest force in the world, barring Let the "Gold" Democrats, therefore, put up their candidates on a platform of plain, sane Democracy, so that the rest of us may have no reason to forget what the real thing is; and so that the wandering prodigals may have a beacon to guide them when they shall be well from their Populistic debauch, and shall have ceased to take the name of Thomas Jefferson in vain. It will be a fine thing for the faithful ones to remember, that they remained the staunch nucleus of a political party opposed equally to the two parties of special privilege: one with its special privileges to Capital, the other with its special privileges to Labor. By another four years we should have learned that it is not necessary to choose the lesser of two evils when something better than either may be had for the asking.

SIMPLE AS it may appear to one of understanding, the lower classes are slow to see that they can not safely be allowed such SUNDAY SPORTS. latitude in the matter of Sabbath recreation as is the unquestionable due of their superiors. A lack of culture, of respect for authority and of training in pure logic lie at the root of the difficulty. If the common people could cool their passions and view the problem abstractly and without senseless prejudice, even for five minutes, they would detect their own sophistry. Leisure is by far the most dangerous of social forces. Like any other explosive it can be ous of social forces. Like any other explosive it can be safely handled only by those familiar with its properties. A gentleman, trained to its use from childhood, may be trusted to enjoy it as fitly on the Sabbath as on any other day; he is a pillar of Law and Order and no lawless instincts seek to pull him down in a general ruin of Church and With a person of the lower classes it is different. Of service to the community only when he toils, he is apt to be a menace to its peace when he is not toiling. Unfamiliar with leisure since early childhood, he is prone to squander his one day in seven, instead of devoting it to Church, prayer, fasting, scripture-readings and the anxious contemplation of his latter end. As an example, we cite recent news items in the daily press. The village of Cold Spring in this State has a contingent of wealthy Summer residents who, as is meet with those accustomed to leisure, play golf on the Sabbath as they do on other days. are people of true culture and refinement, and play their game decorously in tasteful uniforms, lending pleasant spots of color and vivacity to the grassy mead. Yet they have been subjected to the annoyance of gangs of rowdy mechanics and iron-moulders who take to the fields each Sabbath, in imitation of their betters, and play at base-ball. Their manners are coarse, their speech rude, their voices often loud, and of their clothing the less said the better. golf-players sought to prevent this unholy exhibition but and we relate it with shame for the decay of our institutions,

they have thus far been unsuccessful. The village council has encouraged a spirit of anarchy by assuring the deluded ball-players that they have the same rights as their superiors. It is a deplorable situation and one for which Church and State should unite to seek a remedy. Perhaps the simplest way would be to find scriptural authority for keeping this lawless element at its work seven days in the week. If they make no good use of their one talent, why should it not be taken from them?

THE BRITISH SISTER-IN-LAW.

to live in, after all?

I ment almost every day to keep on living. And when a morsel is thrown out by the British House of Lords, it ought to contain nourishment for many days' susten-For something like three hundred and fifty years this august body of thinkers has declared the marriage of a man with his dead wife's sister to be a crime. We do not find that the British Peers have been regarded as idiots during this period, possibly for the reason that not more than one Briton in five thousand ever wants to marry his dead wife's sister. Otherwise we doubt if that sublime spirit of flunkeyism in the British make-up would have survived so galling a test. Be that as it may, a body of radicals achieved the notion some fifty years ago that if a man does happen to wish to marry his dead wife's sister he has a right to do so, barring objections from the lady herself. These radicals called themselves The Marriage Law Reform Association and set out in a deliberate British way to make trouble. And they kept at it with true British tenacity. Bills repealing the objectionable statute have many times passed the Commons, only to be haughtily ignored by the Lords. But the wedge has at last entered. The Peers have now conceded that, while it is still criminal for a man to wed his sister-in-law in England, he may do so with propriety in certain of the colonies, and such marriage shall be recognized in England as lawful and the issue thereof as legitimate. Is it not an interesting world

T IS N'T so hard, after all, to find a little encourage-

INSURRECTION IN PROSPECT.

SHANK .- I tell you, the Administration has enough on its hands with the Philippine affair and the Chinese imbroglio. It had better go a little slow about stirring up any new difficulties.

O'SHAWE. - What 's up now?

SHANK .- Oh! nothing for certain; but I think the federal government in its census had better given Chicago the two million inhabitants.

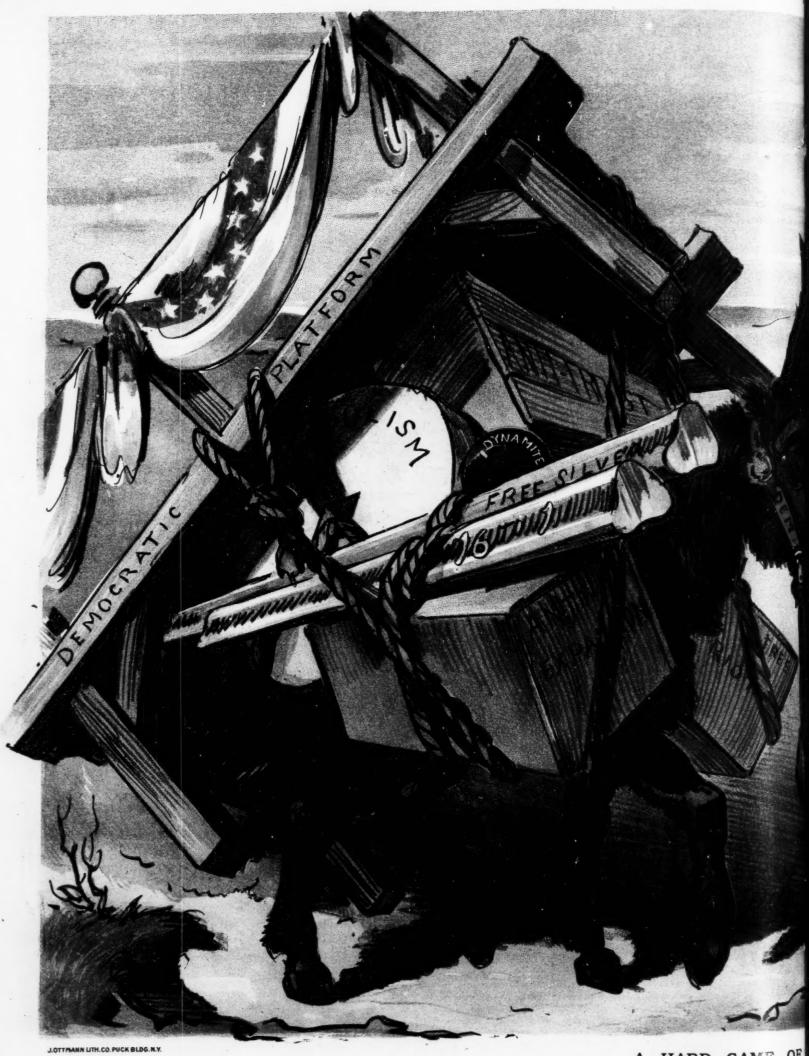
THE ORATORS.

Now orators with golden words, Gild o'er the chunk of junk, The sorry brick Spain sold us For twenty million plunk.



THE EXPLANATION.

SHE. - Miss Flirty? Oh! she has n't the slightest intention of accepting him. GRANDMA. - Then, why does she encourage him? SHE.-Well, just now, there is no one else to encourage.



A HARD GAME OF

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MULLIGAN'S HISTORY OF THE ANGLO-BOER WAR.

CHAPTER XXI. - ROODEVAL.

JUDGE by the raypor-rts thot the inthrance av the Br-ritish throops into Pretoria was wan av the foinest soights iver seen in South Afriky. The Gyar-rds mar-rchin' pr-roud an' stately, an' the flags floyin' an' the dr-rums batin' an' the burghers cheerin' an' the raypor-rters takin' notes an' havin' a dhrink—it was gr-reat. An' the minnit the correspondints sint their despatches, they hurried to Waterval, where the Br-ritish prisoners wor—or sint Gin'ral Frinch there—

an' raylased some thirty-foive hundred av those br-rave but unfortunit min. Oi judge it was the correspondints did this, an' not Roberts, becase they mintion it in their despatches an' he has n't said annything about it in his. Oi think, mesilf, it was a great piece av carelessness in Botha to lave so manny prisoners wit'in rache av thim bould an' interproisin' correspondints.

Well, the day afther Pretoria was taken, Lor-rd Roberts sint a cable-gr-ram, an' wan the nixt day; but the day afther he sint none. An' iverybody in London winked at iverybody else an' shmiled an' said, "He's up to some game!" An' the nixt day he sint no word an' they shmiled an' winked ag'in an' says, "Impor-rtant movemints is on fut, but the presscinsor will allow no news to come through for fear the Boers moight get on to the manewvers whin they get the mor-rnin' papers." An' the nixt day there was no news; an' they says, "Begob! this must be the most mastherly sthrategy we 've had yit!" But a day or two afther thot there was news, only it kem from Kelly-Kenny at Bloemfontein an' it says, "That ould divil De Wet is at his thricks ag'in. He has cut the woires at Roodeval an' we don't know what has happened to Lor-rd Roberts since Chewsda'. We 're rushin' throops north, an' we 'll raypair the railroad as soon as we can, an' we hope to get pr-rovisions to His Lor-rdship befoor he is compelled to live on mule-soup." An' the War Office tillygraphed, "Where is the Fourth Derbyshires that was at Roodeval?" An' Kelly-Kenny answered, "De Wet has thim. He knows a good thing when he sees it." (Av coorse, these tillygrams was not published jist in this shape.)

But Roberts, though he was thus issolated by a foorce av th' inimy istimated at two thousand min an' six guns, did not become in the laste discouraged. He ordhered Hunter to mar-rch from wan place an' Methuen from another an' the great Kitchener to jine Methuen befoor he got to De Wet - jist in case av accidents - an' Kelly-Kenny, he sint for throops from Cape Colony, an' Oi 'm tould — but may be this is not thrue — that he cabled to England for two more ar-rmy corpses an' the War Office tillygraphed to the throops in Inja an' Gibralther to hould thimsilves ready to sail at wanst to get Roberts out av Annyhow, whin they assimbled some a thrap. forty or fifty thousand min, more or less, they advanced bouldly on De Wet. He was gr-reatly ann'yed. "'T is har-rd luck," says he, "thot ivery toime Oi sit down to rest mesilf afther capturin' a rigimint, the whole Br-ritish ar-rmy must

be on top av me! But Oi suppose there 's nothin' to do but scatter!" An' Methuen an' Kitchener kem along loike a whir-rlwind an' routed him—accordin' to the despatches; but whether he 's much the wor-rse for it Oi can not say. An' the tillygraph loine was raypaired an' Roberts was able to sind wor-rd to his admoirin' counthrymin thot there



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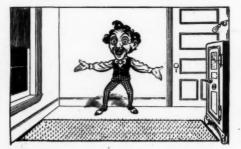
HE WANTS TO KNOW.

THE FROG.— I wish I was a lady's pet!
THE DOG.— You a lady's pet? Absurd!

THE FROG .- What 's the matter? Don't you think

I 'm ugly enough?

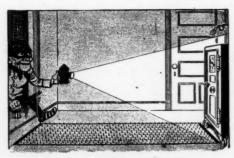
EVERY BURGLAR HIS OWN BURGLAR-ALARM.



INVENTOR. — Eureka! I have it, I'm sure! Now, if some accommodating burglar will only come in and test my new burglar-carpet!

was no need to wor-ry about him an' thot Her Majesty's two hundred thousand min in Afriky was safe. An' they 're not worryin', bedad! Sich is their confidence in his masterly sthrategy thot they defy De Wet an' his two thousand min to do their wor-rst!

An', besoides this, Buller is in the Orange River Shtate at last an' he sinds in his little tilly-gram ivery day sayin' what foine throops he has an' how he has no more thraps to ray-por-rt at prisint. An' the Boers is fallin' back in the direction av Leydenberg an' the mountains. An' 't is gin'rally believed thot they will have to submit to the inivitable; but they'll have more or less toime to riconsoile thimsilves to it.



BURGLAR.—Great Pinch! Dat looks like a fat crib ter crack!



(As he lands on the carpet .- "11?*** -- 11!

JUST NOW federal legislation seems to have for its chief object the preservation of the presidential timber in Ohio.

[T IS rumored that the Pretoria racetrack has been closed for the season, there having been a great falling off in the attendance.



"____!!___!!___**___!!!



THE INVENTOR (rushing in).— Hands up!
THE BURGLAR.—Oh, Heavens! if I was only



THE INVENTOR.—Ves, gentlemen, it can be worked by any child—and when not in use can be rolled up and put out of the wav. Mr. Burglar, I shall call on you for a testimonial to-morrow.





HOUGH WOMEN make good lawyers, as a rule, Ne'er to the bench may one be elevated; Not that their judgment 's aught but clear and cool, But just one trait debarring may be stated: They might sit calm, with gravest dignity, While lawyers wrestled o'er contentions bony;

But, e'en as judge, one could not bear, you see, To ever keep out hearsay testimony.

Roy Farrell Greene.

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"By what right," thundered the committee of Congress, "do you presume

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IN HARLEM.

"I attended a mind-reader's performance last night. It was simply wonderful."

"He could read minds, could he?"

"Oh, yes! "Why, he found out that everybody in the audience was thinking about Rapid Transit."

THE RUMOR that, in making peace with Oom Paul, John Bull intends to return good for evil is semi-officially denied.

THE WAY issues are shaping up, it is going to be difficult for the average voter to guess which shell the White Man's Burden is under.

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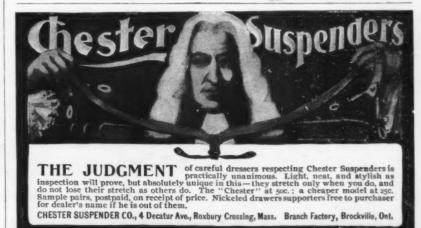
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A MEAN FELLOW.

MISS BEAUTI. - I think Mr. Lovelorn is just too mean for anything, and after all the favors I 've shown him, too. used to go to operas and theatres and everywhere with him, and now, when I ask him a little favor, he refuses.

FRIEND. - What did you want?

MISS BEAUTI. - I asked him to be one of the ushers at my wedding .-New York Weekly.

STILL SUFFERING.

HIGGS.—I see Kurmudgeon, Skinnum & Co. are advertising a "fire sale." What 's their excuse for that? WIGGS .- A very good one, they

think. HIGGS .- Why, the firm has n't suf-

fered from fire lately.

WIGGS.—I don't know. Old Kurmudgeon died last week. — Catholic Standard and Times.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

PEDDLER .- Any tins, Ma'am?

HOUSEKEEPER (indignantly) .- Those tins you sold me last week have all gone to pieces!

PEDDLER.-Yes'm. I knew you 'd want some more by this time.-New York Weekly.

THEN SHE WANTED IT, TOO.

MRS. WILFUL. — My husband told me if I did n't like this brooch you 'd exchange it for me.

JEWELER.—Certainly, Madam. I'll be only too glad, as four different ladies of your set wanted it .- Jewelers' Weekly.

UP-TO-NOW.

"That's a new one at Joe's cigar shop."
"What is it?"

"He's got that wooden Pocahontas togged out in a rainy-day skirt."-Detroit Free Press.

A MATTER OF TRAINING.

"How gracefully that handsome Mr. Biddlecombe bends his ear down to listen to Molly Simpson's chatter!"

"Yes; he used to be a piano-tuner."

-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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DAUB .- I see the custom house is going to tax that picture by Rubens twenty-seven thousand dollars.

SMUDGE.-Heavens! it must have a fine frame !- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TEACHER. - What would you call a person who is always looking into the future?

SCHOLAR. - A rubberneck, Ma'am. -Yonkers Statesman.

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" P. S. -- Please sen' 'bout six palmetter fans, ez dey is powerful cheap!" — Atlanta Constitution.

A BUSINESS HEAD.

LADY .- I wish to get a birthday present for my husband.

CLERK. — How long married? LADY. — Ten years.

CLERK. — Bargain counter to the right. — New York Weekly.

THE WHEREFORE OF IT.

MR. HOUSKEEP. - The dinner is delicious to-day, dear.

MRS. HOUSEKEEP. - Yes. The cook expects some of her friends to visit her this evening. -Catholic Standard and Times.

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The changed manuscript read thus: "The father and his family were chattering on the top of the cheerless radiator." - Yonkers Statesman.



"I'm sorry to have kept you waiting so long."

"Well, I did hurry; but you know how time flies when one is keeping some one else waiting!"

THERE is an age when burying stories are started on a man with greater frequency than marrying stories, and he should behave accordingly. - Atchison Globe.

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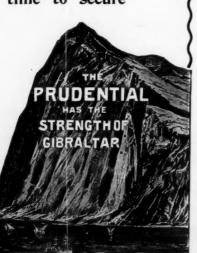
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A SPRING IDYL.

MRS. SMALLOT .- Why don't you burn up that pile of trash in the lot?

SMALLOT .- Wind 's the wrong way. The smoke would all blow in our own windows. -N. Y. Weekly.

A DOLLAR will buy a lot of necessities, but few pleasures. - Atchison

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CRAZY TO EXPECT IT.

HARDUPPE. - Say, old fellow, lend me a hundred, will you?
RIGGS.—A hundred what?

HARDUPPE. - A hundred dollars.

RIGGS .- Oh! stop your joking! HARDUPPE (earnestly). - Joking? was never more serious in my life. I 'm broke.

RIGGS.—My dear man, you're not roke. You're cracked!— Catholic broke. Standard and Times.

"I hyuh de white young lady say dat she was gwineter cut de yuthuh young lady dat made huh so mad," said Miss Miami Brown.

"It 's scan'lous de way dese white folks is actin'," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "Fust dey sings coon songs, den dey does cake-walks, an' now dey 's gwine in foh carryin' razzers."-Washington Star.

AMERICAN COMPOSERS.

FOREIGNER.-Have you any American composers?

AMERICAN (proudly). - Lots of 'em. There 's Schlossenwertz, Sweipierensciek, Mickiwitz, Ouscaspiel, Sweitzerwasserandt, and ever so many more. — New York Weekly.

DOMESTIC REMINDERS.

W1FE .- Do you know what you remind me of?

HUSBAND. - No; but I do know what vou remind me of.

WIFE .- What?

HUSBAND .- Of every little thing I forget to attend to that you ask me about .- Detroit Free Press.

THEY GET USED TO IT.

OLD GENTLEMAN .- Don't you think it is cruel to shut up a bird in a little cage like that?

LITTLE GIRL .- Oh! I don't know. I have a pretty good time, and I live in a flat.—New York Weekly.

AGREED.

THE MISTRESS .- Bridget, you must stay until I get another girl.

BRIDGET. - That was my intenshun, anyway. Oi want her to know the koind ov a woman ye are! - Harper's Bazar.

LIFE.

The man who leads men mourns that he Must dwell in such publicity -While those who follow often groan O'er man's slim chances to be known. _Detroit Free Press.

THE BLUCHER PARADOX.

"Blucher seems entirely blind to his own faults."

"That 's because he takes so many eye-openers."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GIBBER. - What is your opinion of the race problem?

HELMS. - I don't believe the English will ever be able to build a boat fast enough to win the cup back again. Norristown Herald.

WHEN a family gets to depending on "family" it indicates that the brains have begun to dwindle. - Indianapolis Journal.

To BE contented with what we have is about the same as to own the earth. -Ram's Horn.



THE average girl starts out at 18 to make a name for herself, but decides at 20 that some man's will do. - Atchison Globe.

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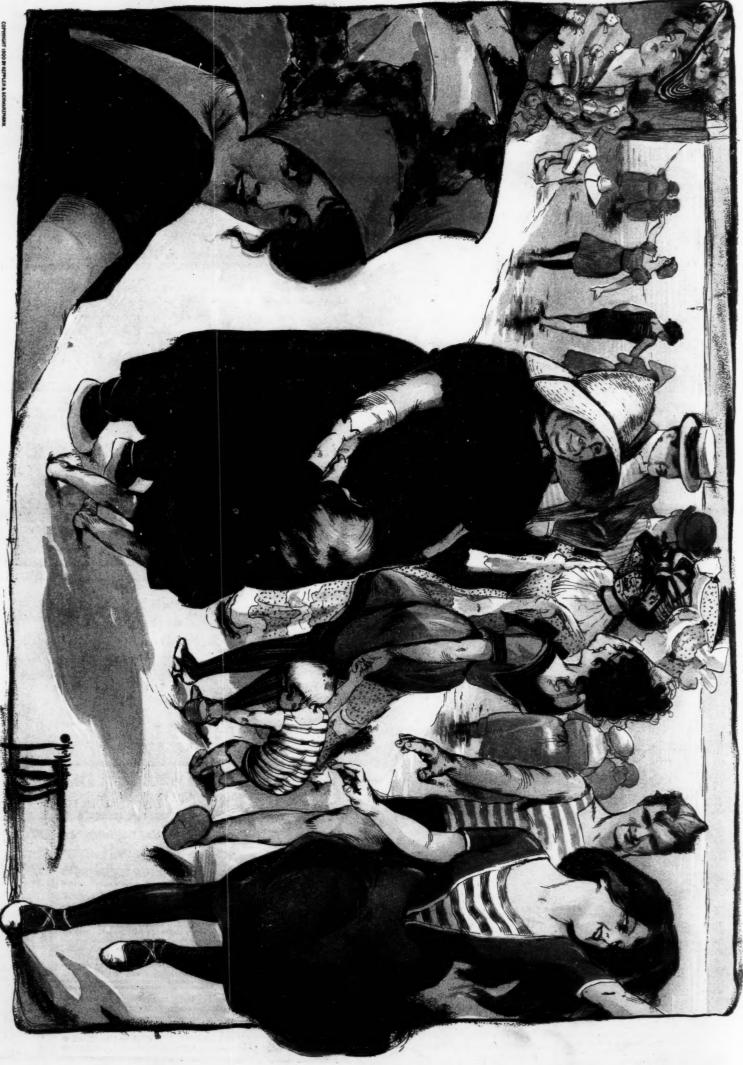
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